

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application.

**Listing of Claims:**

Claims 1-65 (Canceled)

Claim 66 (Previously Presented) A device for acquiring data comprising:

means for acquiring data;

a processor; and

a memory connected to the processor and storing a program for controlling operation of the processor;

said processor operative with the program in the memory to receive user data, the data being at least one of a product having a product identification and a biological variable, and determine if the data received interacts with products being stored in the memory, said interaction including at least one of a product-to-product interaction and a biological variable-to-product interaction, and display the interaction information.

Claim 67 (Previously Presented) The device of claim 66, further comprising means for transmitting data.

Claim 68 (Original) The device of claim 67, wherein the means for transmitting data includes a distributed computer network.

Claim 69 (Original) The device of claim 66, wherein the means for acquiring data includes a bar code reader.

Claim 70 (Previously Presented) In a system to offer alternative products to a user and to monitor products purchased by a said user in which an identification card having a code recorded thereon is applied as linking the products purchased to the user identified by the card to enable identification of the user as participating in a an alternative product program and recall and warning notification program, the system comprising:

a checkout station;

an identification card having recorded thereon an identification code indicating the user as participating in the recall and warning notification program and alternative product program;

a card reader at said checkout station and operated for reading the identification code indicating the user as participating in said alternative product program and recall and notification program;

a data input device at said checkout station for inputting data representing the products being purchased by said user;

a storage device for storing the data acquired at said checkout station;  
and

a communication device for transmitting the acquired data to a central server, said central server adapted to transmit information to said user and an alternative product to a harmful or recalled product.

Claim 71 (Previously Presented) In a system to monitor products purchased by a user in which an identification card having a code recorded thereon is applied as linking the products purchased to the user identified by the card to enable identification of the user as participating in a an alternative product program and recall and warning notification program, the system comprising:

a checkout station;

an identification card having recorded thereon an identification code indicating the user as participating in a said alternative product program and recall and warning notification program;

a data input device at said checkout station for inputting data representing the products being purchased by said user;

a card writer at said checkout station and operated for writing indicia onto the card representing the products purchased by said user; and

a central server adapted to transmit information to said user about an alternative product to a harmful or recalled product.

Claim 72 (Original) The system of claim 70, wherein the identification code of said identification card is magnetically encoded on a magnetic stripe.

Claim 73 (Original) The system of claim 70, wherein the identification code of said identification card is optically encoded as a bar code.

Claims 74-76 (Canceled)

Claim 77 (Previously Presented) An apparatus comprising:

a hand-held device for entering and storing product information data  
and biological variables;  
a data entering device for entry of data into said hand-held device;  
a processor for identifying an interaction  
including at least one of a product-to-product interaction and a  
biological variable-to-product interaction; and  
a display device.

Claim 78 (Original) The apparatus of claim 77, wherein said hand-held  
device includes a communication device for receiving and sending information  
from/to a communication device.

Claim 79 (Original) The apparatus of claim 77, wherein said data entering  
device includes at least one of a bar code reader, optical transceiver, key means,  
and a radio frequency transceiver.